

PRACTICING OUR PRIESTHOOD

I. The Bible calls us priests

- A. 1 Peter 2:5, 9; Rev. 1:6; 5:9, 10.
- B. A priest was always one who offers sacrifices; attends upon God; and performs services for God
- C. Every man was his own priest offering sacrifices/head of family
- D. Name was first applied to a King Priest Melchisedek Gen. 14:18
- E. In the Law all were to be priests (Ex. 19:3-6) but changed to one tribe, Levi, one family Aaron (Lev. 10:8-11).

II. Why did God use the concept of priests?

- A. God's Presence – Omnipresence/Gathered/Manifest Lev. 9:23,24
- B. Ministries we all have – To the Lord; to one another; to our world
- C. Shows the importance/priority of ministry to the Lord 1st. It also reflects the inward private ministry of Jesus to the Father.
- D. Heb. 13:15; 1 Peter 2:5 Spiritual sacrifices we offer up

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III. Spiritual sacrifices

- A. Psalm 27:6 Joy, singing, & shouting
- B. Psalm 69:30 Praise, thanksgiving
- C. Psalm 107:21, 22 Rejoicing
- D. Psalm 141:2 Lifting up of the hands
- E. Psalm 149:3; Psalm 150:4 Dance